

## Joseph Draper Collection

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1826-1880  
1folder

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### Biographical Note:

Joseph Draper married Biddy Jackson on February 5, 1819, in Wayne County, Indiana. Both Joseph and Biddy were born in North Carolina. They had at least three sons: Joseph Jr., born August 2, 1822, in Wayne County, died July 26, 1905, in Henry County; Thomas I., born about 1831; and Oliver, born about 1832. In 1850, the federal census listed the family in Greensboro, Henry County, Indiana, with Joseph, 54; Biddy, 52; Thomas, 19, and Oliver, 18. Ten years later, only Thomas, age 29, was living with his parents. Joseph was a farmer. Biddy could not write her name and made a mark on the documents which required her signature. She died on September 5, 1866. Joseph died February 13, 1885.

Source: Ancestry.com accessed on 4/17/2014.

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### Scope and Content:

The collection consists of 26 hand-written deeds, land indentures, and bonds with the names of probable relatives with the last name Draper: Ephraim, Oliver, Jesse and Sarah, John, Joshua, Martha, Huldah, Josiah and Jemima, and Thomas. Three people named Bennett, J.M., William and Emaline are also on the documents. Some of the other names are: Jonathan and Anna Pearson; Josiah Small; William and Isabel Hawkins; Thomas and Hannah Symons; Nathan and Martha Pressnall; William and Jonathan K. Bond; Seth Stafford; Henry Bailey; Sarah Harvey; George, Samuel, and Harriet Brown; and Simon Young.

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**Collection Inventory**  
**Folder Listing:**

Date	Document
1826	2 indentures
1830	2 documents
1834	3 documents
1836	1 document
1837	1 document
1843	1 document
1847	1 document
1849	2 documents
1853	2 documents (blue paper)
1854	2 documents (blue paper)
1857	1 document
1858	1 document (3 ½ x 8")
1859	2 documents
1860	1 document
1862	1 document
1876	1 document
1878	1 document
1880	1 document

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**Collection Information:**

Size of Collection:	1 folder, 26 items
Collection Dates:	1826-1880
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